

HOUSE RESOLUTION 74  
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A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Mrs. Ann B. Deol on the celebration of her 80th birthday.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ann B. Deol of Nashville is one such person who celebrated her 80th birthday on February 7, 2001; on Sunday, May 6, 2001, her family will be holding a birthday party in her honor to be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of the late Gladys Onita Johnston and Walter Guy Beard, Ann was born in Scottsboro, Alabama, the eldest of five children; she was raised in St. Francis County, Arkansas, and graduated from Wheatley High School in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, In 1941, Ann married Woodrow W. Davis, who was killed in 1945 while serving with General George Patton's 3rd Army in France; in 1946, she attended Draughon's Business College in Little Rock, Arkansas, and married Melvin L. Deal in that city; and

WHEREAS, In 1947, the Deal family relocated to Nashville traveling on the maiden voyage of the L&N Railroad's "City of Memphis"; and in 1949, Ann attended St. Thomas School of Nursing; and

WHEREAS, Sons, James Patrick and Christopher, both deceased; son, Robert J., and daughter, Margaret, were born to Melvin and Ann Deal; and

WHEREAS, In 1956, Ann married S.S. Deol, and that blessed union produced a daughter, Jagir; and

WHEREAS, A longtime resident of Nashville, Mrs. Deol is a highly respected community member, who has labored long and hard for the progress of the Nashville Community; she has played an integral role in the revitalization of her local community; and

WHEREAS, For many years Ann Deol has maintained a business career while being actively involved in civic and cultural endeavors; she has been a March of Dimes board member for eleven years, a board member of the Metro Beautification and Environmental Commission for seventeen years, a Human Relations Commissioner for four years, has served on the Tennessee Medical Malpractice Review Board, has chaired the Nashville Enterprise Community CAC, has served as Vice-President of the South Central Neighborhood Development Corporation, and as President of the Trimble Action Group; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Deol has been an active and enthusiastic supporter of Nashville Children's Theatre, Cheekwood, the Nashville Symphony Association and several community theaters; her global interests include thirty years as a board member of the United Nations Association; and

WHEREAS, Ann Deol was a 12-year member of the National Council of Catholic Women, a communicant of St. Patrick Catholic Church for 23 years, attended St. Joseph Catholic Church for 21 years and the Cathedral of the Incarnation for 10 years; she has been a member of the India Association for 40 years, involved with the Hindu Cultural Center of Tennessee for 15 years and with the Southeastern Sikh Religious Society for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, As Mrs. Deol celebrates her 8th decade on this earth, she is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events; and

WHEREAS, We wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and

congratulate Mrs. Ann B. Deol on the celebration of her 80th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.